

SPORTS

BASEBALL MAGNATES GATHERING

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(N. Y. Service Sporting Editor.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Trade winds
of rumors of player deals and
other interesting bits of gossip up and
down the baseball plate to here today.
With the arrival of Ben Johnson and
the American league magnates for
their annual winter meeting interest
in baseball affairs, which lagged
Thursday as the ranks of the National
league magnates thinned out was re-
newed.

Among the on-coming American
league was a young man of some
reputation—Ty Cobb by name. The
Peacherino from Georgia dropped into
town at the invitation of Frank Navin
of the Detroit Americans. Navin wants
Cobb to manage the Tigers and is
willing to hand him a contract valuing
for \$200,000, a raise of \$12,000 over
what he has been receiving as a
player. Cobb is only human, and it is
expected that he will fall for the con-
tract.

The meeting of the American league
was scheduled for the Hotel Belmont.
Johnson's league has not yet ratified
the new national agreement and this
was one of the important items on the
agenda. In addition to routine affairs
that always come up in a league meet-
ing and perhaps some new ideas that
may be introduced by some of the
club owners, the American league
had a little peace making to do. The
rift between Johnson and his loyal five
and Messers, Ruppert, Huston, Frazee
and Comiskey has not been entirely
forgotten. If any real action occurs in
the meeting it will undoubtedly come
over the election of a new board of
directors. The American league will
probably recommend that the season

be opened in conjunction with that of
the national league on April 25 with
a schedule of 154 games.

The trades pulled off by Brooklyn
and the Reds and the Yankees and Red
Sox have started the ball rolling.
Trading fever spreads fast once it
gets a start and for this reason many
other deals were being talked of today.
A big four-cornered deal involving the
Giants, Braves, Reds and Cardinals
was in prospect today with Heinie
Groh, said to be headed for New York
and Rabbit Maranville involved. Con-
nie Mack, Clark Griffith, Frank Navin
and other American league owners are
known to have players they are willing
to trade.

Before the end of the week it is
practically certain that Presidents
Johnson and Heydler, who will act
with Judge Landis, in adopting all
new baseball legislation from now on,
will confer regarding changes in the
playing rules and may draw up a new
set of regulations governing the
world's series. The National League
has already gone on record favoring
the continuance of the use of the spit-
ball by pitchers who have learned to
depend upon it. The American league,
it is believed, may take like action.
This will be good news to fingers like
Stan Coveleski, hero of the recent
world's series, Bill Doak and many
others.

REPORT ON GERMAN RESOURCES

BRUSSELS, Dec. 16.—A report on Ger-
man resources was presented by the
German delegates when the conference
of allied and German economic ex-
perts opened today. This report was
furnished upon the allies' request. The
figures are being checked with sta-
tistics supplied by the Solway institute,
one of the leading economic organiza-
tions of Belgium. This conference will
deal with Germany's ability to pay in-
demnities and the amount that can rea-
sonably be imposed. The sessions are
secret and the U. S. is not represented.

FAMOUS FANS

THE BIMBO WHO
DRINKS HIS OWN
HOME-MADE BREW.

WHAT WAS IN IT? YOU
MEAN WHAT WASN'T IN IT?
HE CALLED IT HIS CHOP
SUEY THROAT TICKLER.
THE MINUTE HE TOOK A
SWALLOW, HE WENT LOCO
AND HAS BEEN DELIRIOUS
SINCE. OH, DOCTOR—
PLEASE DO SOME-
THING—PLEASE.

IF YOU WANT
TO COME TO
SUNSHINE TOWN,
TAKE A SWELL
OF HIS
BREATH.

WHAT WAS IN
THAT STUFF,
DO YOU KNOW?

WHAT IS HOME
WITHOUT A
MOTHER-IN-LAW?

OH, SEE THE
LITTLE PINK
LIZARDS PLAYING
MARBLES—
I'M NAPOLEON.
I TELL YOU—
DON'T YOU
KNOW—
ME?



By Hopp

CZECHO SLOVAK TROOPS JOIN REBELS

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Large numbers of
Czecho-Slovak troops that went into
the revolutionary centers to restore
order have deserted to the rebels, ac-
cording to an Exchange Telegraph dis-
patch from Copenhagen today, quoting
reports received in Copenhagen from

Prague. It was further reported that
the Czecho-Slovak government had de-
cided to close down the telegraph and
telephone communications because of
the disturbances.

An earlier dispatch direct from
Prague said that the workers in the
Czecho-Slovak coal fields were ending
as a result of negotiations between the
communists and socialists.

Bathtubs as Luxuries

THE HAGUE—Bath tubs and bath
room fixtures appear on the list of
"luxuries" which would be subject to
a 10 per cent luxury tax in Holland
if a revenue bill now before the Dutch
Parliament were passed.

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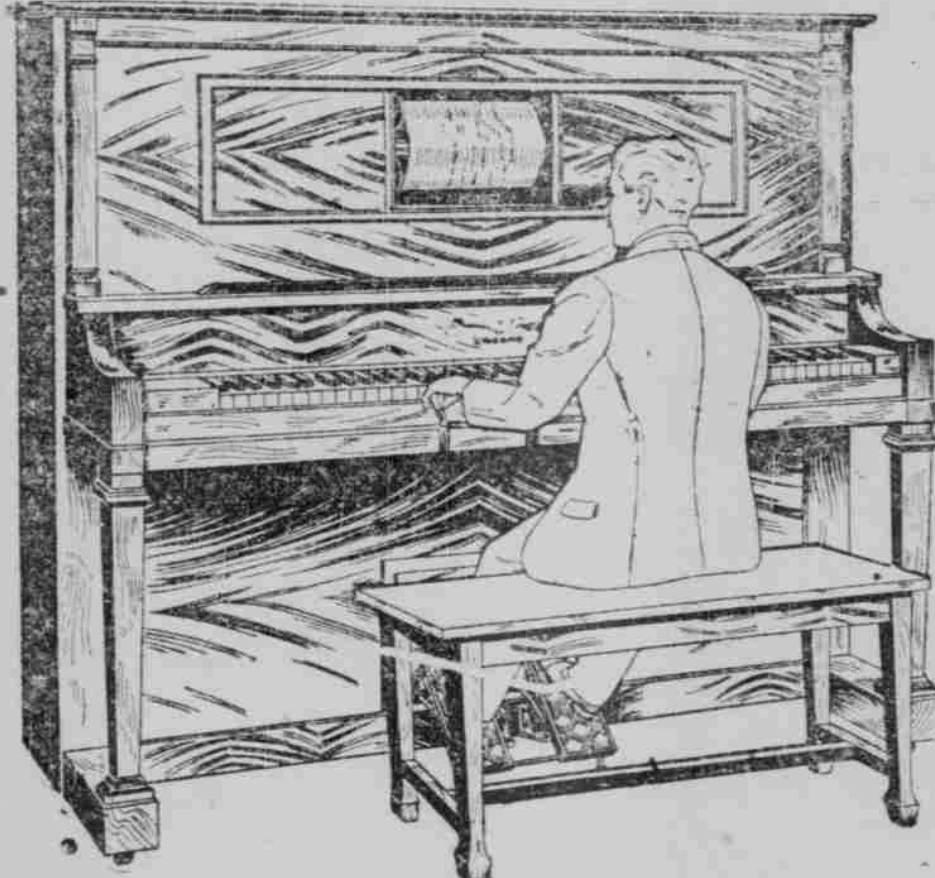
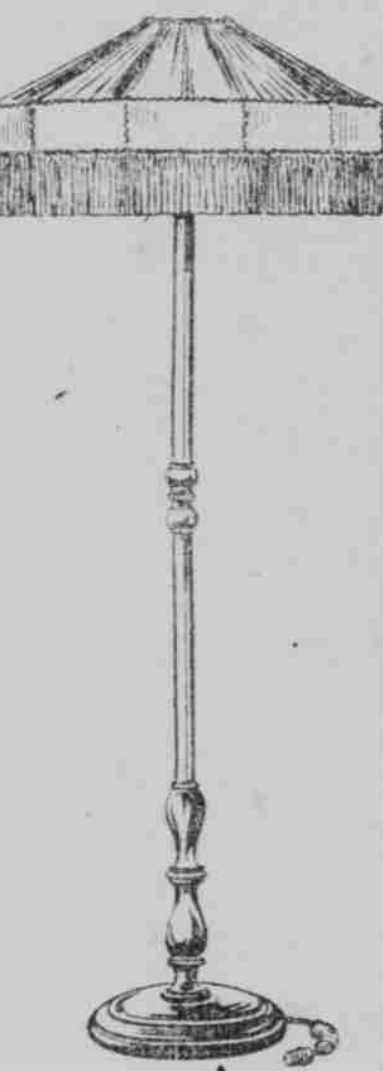
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